

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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April 6, 2004

FROM: RUDY LOPEZ, Director
Department of Behavioral Health

**SUBJECT: 2003 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MENTAL
HEALTH COMMISSION**

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the San Bernardino County Mental Health Commission Annual Report for Calendar Year 2003.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will allow the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to release the Mental Health Commission's Annual Report for Calendar Year 2003.

One of the purposes of the Mental Health Commission is to function as an advocate and spokesperson for consumers, families, and the larger community in the design and funding of mental health programs. Pursuant to the W&I Code 5604.2 and the San Bernardino County Mental Health Commission (MH Commission) By-laws dated July 1, 1993, the MH Commission shall submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system.

The Annual Report is developed with mental health program staff and is intended to provide the Board with advice and guidance about local actions that will strengthen and improve local services to persons with mental illness. Additionally, the Annual Report identifies future areas of need. The 2003 Annual Mental Health Commission report includes goals, accomplishments, and main issues pursued by the MH Commission such as Agewise, Assertive Community Treatment Act (ACT), Tele-Psychiatry Program, Passages Program, and Forensics Services. The report also notates programs offered by other departments that the commission reviewed including the Early Learning Opportunities Program (ELO). In addition the Commission reviewed and approved the PATH grant and the County Performance Contract.

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed and approved by the Mental Health Commission (Chairperson, Dr. Julie Stokes and Secretary, Dr. Martha Schuyler, 387-0451) on March 9, 2004. This board item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Deputy County Counsel, Charles J. Larkin, 387-5433) on March 22, 2004. This item has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst, 388-0211) on March 25, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No financial impact. This action represents no local County costs.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as the action imposes no local cost.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Rudy Lopez, Director
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